

Dear Sirs,

I am troubled by the proposal to allow usage of cell phones on commercial airlines during flighttime. As you well know, the use of cell phones has expanded tremendously so that they are a regular site on the street and other public areas. However, such open public spaces generally allow for individuals to move away from the source of the noise/disruption if they so wish. This is not a choice if confined to a seat in an airline.

Airline passengers should first and foremost have a relative right to peace and quiet. We all accept background noise levels, however all too often cell phone users disregard social norms (including noise levels, or appropriate/decent speech) when on their cell phone as compared to if they were talking with another person in a crowded space.

I therefore strongly urge you not to allow the use of cell phones on commercial passenger aircraft.

Regards,  
SW Burgiel